The 21st Cairo Climate Talks / Forum France-Egypte, “Ecosystems at Risk: Safeguarding Egypt’s Biodiversity”, will focus on the environmental and economic importance of conserving flora and fauna. Preserving rich ecosystems is not a luxury, but an essential part of tourism, medical advances, food supply and other basic needs. Egypt’s varied habitats encompass the Nile Valley, deserts, oases, mountains, brackish and saline wetlands, and two distinct marine environments. Its strategic location as a land bridge between Africa and Eurasia make it a major host to migratory birds, with an estimated 1.5 million birds moving twice a year through this flyway.

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We will begin the event with a screening of «Soaring Legends», a short documentary about migratory soaring birds filmed in Egypt by Gabriel Mikhail.

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The Embassy of France
The Ministry of State for Environmental Affairs

Have the pleasure to invite you to a panel discussion in the framework of the 21st Cairo Climate Talks and the Forum France-Egypte

March 12, 2014 at 6:30pm
Youth Leaders/Civic Education Center, National Council for Youth, Al Borg Street, Zamalek

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The discussion will be opened by
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H.E. Hisham Zaazou, Egyptian Minister of Tourism